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In re application of: **Wolfgang NIESSEN**  
 Serial No.: 10/733,486  
 Filed: December 11, 2003  
 For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE CREEP BEHAVIOR OF A VEHICLE  
 EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATED CLUTCH**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Final Office Action (9 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.  
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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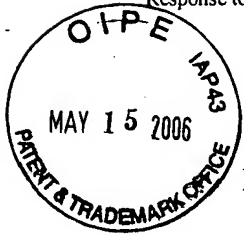
- ☐ Also transmitted herewith are:  
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:  
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☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.  
☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 13, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows: